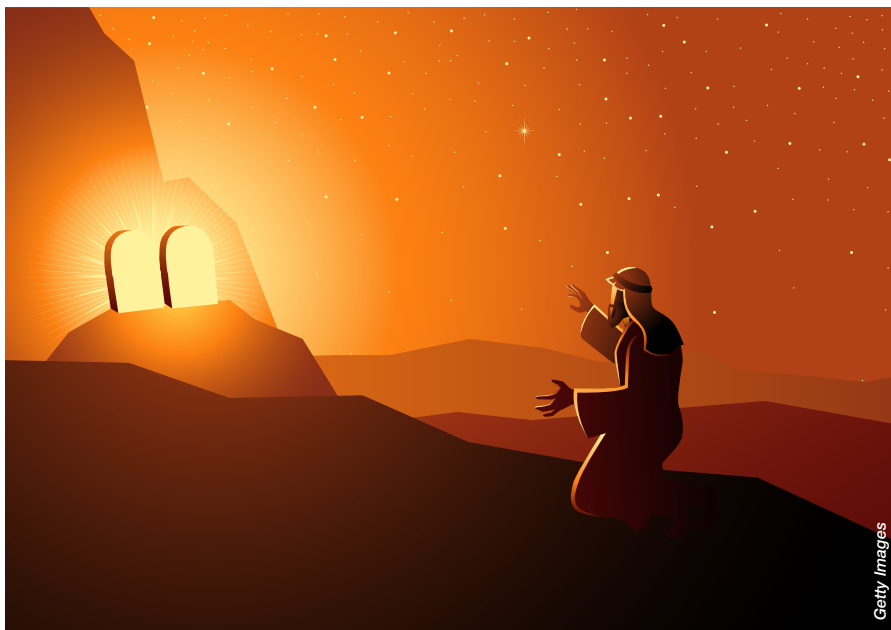




DISTRICT NEWS

INDIANA

JESUS through MOSES



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culminates in Jesus of Nazareth. Through Moses God gave the Ten Commandments, but no one could perfectly keep them — until Jesus. Through Moses God established worship directives, which included the tabernacle, its furnishings and the various sacrificial procedures — and all these worship elements find their perfect expression in Jesus Christ. All of the sacrifices for which God through Moses gave instruction find their culmination in Christ crucified and risen. Ultimately the topic of Moses is Jesus.

“Let me learn of Jesus,” a children’s song says, “He is kind to me. Once He died to save me, nailed upon the tree.” Learn of Jesus — through Moses — and be blessed.

We thank you, heavenly Father, that you sent your great prophet Moses to pen the foundational books of the Bible. Help us by his inspired writings to learn all the more about our blessed Savior. In His name, Amen.



Rev. Dr. Daniel Brege
District President

“If you believed Moses, you would believe me; for he wrote of me.” JOHN 5:46



Jesus explains that if we believed Moses, we would believe Him, for Moses wrote of Him. Moses was the “go-to-guy.” One way Old Testament believers verified new prophecies was by making sure they were consistent with what Moses wrote. We too go to Moses, and from his five books (the first five books of the Bible) we find verification of Jesus’ identity and purpose.

Moses wrote of Jesus. Through Moses God gave the foundational history of His people — a history that



Calvary welcomes visitation pastor

Rev. Roger Rhode has come out of retirement to serve as part-time visitation pastor for Calvary Lutheran Church, Plymouth, and was installed on April 3. He most recently served as pastor of St. Paul, Bremen. From left, Jason Zoske, Rev. Roger Rhode and Rev. Eric Ahlemeyer, Calvary pastor. (Zoske received a call as assistant pastor from St. Paul's, Fort Wayne, during Call Day at Concordia Theological Seminary on April 27.)



Beautiful voices in Indianapolis

The Indianapolis East children's choir meets twice a month at Christ Lutheran Church, Irvington. Through the course of this first year of the choir, participants have thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

The choir begins with a hymn-based devotion and then progresses to vocal exercises and hands-on music scale education and then singing.

The children's choir was formed to provide musical and spiritual enrichment to children and families of LCMS

congregations on the east and south side of Indianapolis. The choir was founded by families seeking to nurture a love and appreciation for the hymns in *Lutheran Service Book* and the greater choral treasury in our Lutheran heritage, with the expectation that bringing congregations together can provide a richness and depth to the experience of a children's choir that is not easily achieved by one congregation on its own.

The choir is grateful for the direction and leadership by Jennifer Amstutz (St. Peter's) and accompaniment by Sara Lemon (St. John).

An ‘attitude’ of generosity



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The following article was written by Tim Hetzner, president and CEO of Lutheran Church Charities, an LCMS Recognized Service Organization.
— Ken Schilf, Council of Resources

Hetzner carries buckets into St. John, Lake Charles, La., in August 2020 following damage caused by Hurricane Laura.

IF ANYONE IS POOR AMONG YOUR FELLOW ISRAELITES IN ANY OF THE TOWNS OF THE LAND THE LORD YOUR GOD IS GIVING YOU, DO NOT BE HARDHEARTED OR TIGHTFISTED TOWARD THEM. RATHER, BE OPENHANDED AND FREELY LEND THEM WHATEVER THEY NEED. DEUT. 15:8 NIV

God instructed this to the Israelites. Giving is the loftiest level of living. Generous people focus their time and effort on what they can give to others, not what they can get from them. And the more you give, the better your attitude becomes.

Many people don't understand this concept. They think the amount you possess determines the amount you should share. It's not what you have that matters; it's what you do with what you

have. And that's determined by your attitude.

A famous saying by Winston Churchill puts it this way:

We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.

And serving others is something you can start doing today. Whether it means spending more time with your family, mentoring an employee who shows potential, or helping people in

your church or community — it's about putting your own desires on hold to bless someone else.

The Bible says:

Open your mouth, judge righteously, defend the rights of the poor and needy. **PROV. 31:9**

The only way to maintain an attitude of generosity is to make a habit of giving of your time, attentiveness, money and resources. Author Richard Foster says, "Just the very act of letting go of money, or some other treasure, does something within us. It destroys the demon [of] greed." Think about what you're already giving, what you've been asked to give, and what you would like to give. Your reasons for granting or denying a request for financial help may be valid, but are they godly? Think about how it feels when you give and let that be your guide.

We pray ... Heavenly Father, as You entrust to me what is Yours, help me share my time and Your resources with others. In Jesus' name, Amen.



PRAYER LIST

WEEK OF JUNE 5

Circuit 9 – Fort Wayne East

- Ascension, Fort Wayne
- Concordia, Fort Wayne
- Gloria Dei, Fort Wayne
- Promise, Fort Wayne
- St. Peter, Fort Wayne
- Prince of Peace, Grabill
- Emanuel, New Haven
- Martini, New Haven
- St. Paul-Gar Creek, New Haven
- Christ, Woodburn
- Zion-Bull Rapids, Woodburn

MISSION: Hispanic Ministry–Zion, Columbia City

RSO: Lutheran Child and Family Services, Indianapolis

LCMS DISTRICT: South Wisconsin

WEEK OF JUNE 12

Circuit 12 – Kokomo

- Christ, Anderson
- Emanuel, Arcadia
- St. Peter, Huntington
- Good Shepherd, Kokomo
- Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer, Kokomo
- Zion, Kokomo
- St. James, Marion
- Grace, Muncie
- St. John, Peru
- Emmanuel, Tipton
- Zion, Wabash

MISSION: LAMP–Zion, Columbia City

RSO: Lutheran Community Home, Seymour

LCMS DISTRICT: Southeastern

WEEK OF JUNE 19

Circuit 20 – Aurora

- St. John, Aurora
- St. Paul-Clifty, Columbus
- Bethany, Connersville
- St. Paul, Cross Plains
- Trinity, Dillsboro
- St. John-Farmer's Retreat, Dillsboro
- Holy Trinity, Greensburg
- Faith, Madison

MISSION: Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services–Zion, Columbia City

MINISTRY: The Lutheran Foundation, Fort Wayne

LCMS DISTRICT: Southern

WEEK OF JUNE 26

Circuit 2 – Gary

- Trinity, Crown Point
- Faith, DeMotte
- Good Shepherd, Gary
- St. John, Gary
- Trinity, Hobart
- Trinity Memorial, Merrillville

MISSION: Destiny Rescue–Zion, Columbia City

RSO: Lutheran Life Villages, Fort Wayne

LCMS DISTRICT: Southern Illinois

WEEK OF JULY 3

Circuit 10 – Decatur

- Peace, Berne
- Immanuel, Decatur
- St. John-Bingen, Decatur
- St. Paul-Preble, Decatur
- St. Peter, Decatur
- Zion, Decatur
- Emmanuel-Soest, Fort Wayne
- Zion-Friedheim, Decatur
- Prince of Peace, Hartford City
- St. John-Flatrock, Moroeville
- Bethlehem, Ossian
- New Hope, Ossian
- Faith, Roanoke

MISSION: Liberian Children's Mission–Zion, Columbia City

RSO: Lutheran Ministries Media, Fort Wayne

LCMS DISTRICT: Texas

WEEK OF JULY 10

Circuit 13 – Indianapolis East

- Ascension, Beech Grove
- Faith, Greenfield
- Christ, Indianapolis
- Peace Deaf, Indianapolis
- St. John, Indianapolis
- Trinity, Indianapolis
- Zion, New Palestine
- St. Mark, Shelbyville

MISSION: Latin America Mission–Zion, Columbia City

RSO: Lutheran School Partnership, Fort Wayne

LCMS DISTRICT: Wyoming

WEEK OF JULY 17

Circuit 21 – Lexington

- Our Savior, Danville
- Bread of Life, Georgetown
- Good Shepherd, Lexington
- Our Redeemer, Lexington
- St. John, Lexington



MISSION: African Immigrants; Resurrection, Louisville

MINISTRY: Lutheran Social Services, Fort Wayne

LCMS DISTRICT: Atlantic

WEEK OF JULY 24

Circuit 3 – Valparaiso

- St. Paul, Chesterton
- St. Paul, Kouts
- Immanuel, Michigan City
- St. Paul-Otis, Westville
- St. Peter, Portage
- Faith Memorial, Valparaiso
- Heritage, Valparaiso
- Immanuel, Valparaiso
- Prince of Peace, Valparaiso

MISSION: African Immigrants; Concordia, Louisville

RSO: Lutheran Special Education Ministries, Fort Wayne

LCMS DISTRICT: California-Nevada-Hawaii

WEEK OF JULY 31

Circuit 6 – Kendallville

- Trinity, Auburn
- Immanuel, Avilla
- St. John, Columbia City
- Zion, Columbia City
- Zion, Corunna
- Clear Lake, Fremont
- Lake George, Fremont
- Zion, Garrett
- St. John, Kendallville
- Shepherd by the Lakes, Syracuse
- Messiah, Wolcottville
- Living Water, Wolf Lake

MISSION: African Immigrants–Redeemer, Louisville

RSO: Lutherans For Life–Nevada, Iowa

LCMS DISTRICT: Central Illinois

Share your news with us!



We are always in need of more submissions for the Indiana District *Lutheran Witness* insert. They help remind us of what God is doing around the Indiana District. It is also a way to share ideas for nurturing those God has already gathered into His church and for reaching those still outside of the flock with the Good News about Jesus. It finally reminds each of us that Christ's church is much larger than just our particular congregation.

We welcome pictures and stories of congregational events, youth events, outreach events, installations, events from your men's or women's group, servant events, conferences, anniversaries, church renovations or additions, and much more. If you would like an upcoming event publicized, please make sure we have the information at least two months in advance.

Submissions for the September issue are needed by July 15.

Send submissions to LWeditor@in.lcms.org or

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LCMS Indiana District
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Fort Wayne, IN 46802

Birthdays (90 and over)

June 1

Bill Kamman, 94
Immanuel, Seymour
Jean Popoff, 93
Zion, Fort Wayne

June 4

Alvin Terkhorn, 95
Zion, Seymour
Marcia Freeby, 94
Calvary, Indianapolis
Ted Reinhart, 93
St. Paul-Preble, Decatur
Kathleen Klasing, 90
Calvary, Indianapolis

June 5

Donald Borcherding, 91
Immanuel, Seymour

June 7

Edna Messing, 94
St. Paul-Preble, Decatur

June 8

Maxine Knipstein, 91
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne

June 10

Rona Edquist, 94
Heritage, Valparaiso
Bob Scheimann, 90
Holy Cross, Indianapolis

June 12

Phyllis Zabel, 93
St. Peter's, Brownstown
Anna Mary Hussing, 92
St. John's, Lanesville
Carol Wick, 92
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne

June 14

Elli Huotilainen, 96
Calvary, Indianapolis

June 15

Pauline Miller, 93
Calvary, Indianapolis
Norma Kriete, 90
Immanuel, Seymour

June 17

Maxine Christiansen, 93
Calvary, Plymouth

June 18

Lois Horstmeyer, 93
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne

June 19

Marjorie Rodemeyer, 91
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne

June 20

Bob Bieberich, 92
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne

June 21

Al Jennings, 91
Cornerstone, Carmel
Russell Poor, 91
Trinity-Decatur Road,
Fort Wayne

June 22

Norvin McClure, 98
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne

June 24

Hildegard Blondell, 95
Trinity-Decatur Road,
Fort Wayne
John Remetta, 90
Calvary, Indianapolis

June 28

Bryce Shull, 101
Zion, Fort Wayne

June 29

Betty Vance, 97
Faith, Bloomington

June 30

Robert Rietdorf, 94
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne

July 1

Fritz Ober, 96
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne

Rodney Berger, 95
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne

July 4

Doris Klage, 100
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne
Lucy Kniggendorf, 94
Calvary, Indianapolis
Marian Ruth Pardieck, 92
Immanuel, Seymour
Bob Nicholson, 91
Trinity, Darmstadt

July 5

Helen Schneider, 91
Immanuel, Seymour

July 6

Leona Kerkhoff, 96
Grace, Muncie
Rev. Donald Lutz, 94
Bethlehem, Ossian

July 7

Burt Smith, 96
Cornerstone, Carmel
Clarabelle Troike, 94
St. Peter, North Judson
Ruth Ida Newkirk, 90
Immanuel, Seymour

July 8

Audrey Meyers, 92
St. Michael, Fort Wayne

July 9

Doris Hoffman, 97
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne

July 11

Jean Morris, 96
Immanuel, Seymour
James Paul, 93
Zion, Wabash

July 12

Don Karbach, 95
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne

July 15

Perry Glancy, 89
St. Michael, Fort Wayne

July 17

Duane Lupke, 92
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne
Eloise Schinnerer, 90
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne

July 19

Dorothy Rohrbach, 97
St. Michael, Fort Wayne
Helen Curtis, 93
Grace, New Albany
Arthur Krauss, 90
St. John-Bingen, Decatur

July 21

Joan Pearson, 94
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne

Polly Carr, 93

St. John's, Lanesville

Lil Bieberich, 92

Holy Cross, Fort Wayne

Alma Smith, 91

Zion, Wabash

July 22

Melba Baker, 95
St. Michael, Fort Wayne

July 23

Betty Roeder, 93
Our Redeemer, Evansville

July 24

Faye Luedeman, 92
Immanuel, Seymour

July 25

Helen Kellermeier, 97
St. Peter's, Brownstown

July 26

Mary Louise Spice, 95
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne

July 27

Hilda Volmerding, 92
Zion, Fort Wayne

July 28

Betty Preuss, 90
Cornerstone, Carmel

July 29

Lois Boswell, 91
Calvary, Indianapolis

Belated

Carl Wohlschlegel, 94
Faith, Louisville, Ky. (May 4)

Doris Loretta Hackman, 96

Immanuel, Seymour
(May 14)

Lena Kilgis, 90

Immanuel, Seymour
(May 18)

Norma Shackley, 97

Faith, Bloomington (May 26)



Anniversaries (50 and over)

June 1

Kenneth and Mariann Koeneman, 65
St. Paul-Gar Creek, New Haven
John and Barbara Ryan, 65
Calvary, Indianapolis
Delbert and Alberta Tormoehlen, 64
Immanuel, Seymour
Larry and Linda Thieman, 54
St. Paul, Cross Plains

June 2

Tom and Shirley Noll, 66
Zion, Decatur
C. James and Marilyn Hurt, 59
Immanuel, Seymour
Larry and Rae Lynn Fuhrmann, 50
St. John-Bingen

June 3

Don and Marlene Day, 66
Calvary, Plymouth
Harlan and Donna Heinze, 61
St. John's, Lanesville
Bob and Pat Saalfrank, 55
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne
John and Margaret Mowery, 50
Calvary, Indianapolis

June 4

Rev Gene and Donna Brunow, 62
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne
Rev. George and Lois Lange, 62
Zion, Fort Wayne
Pete and Andrea Barber, 56
Cornerstone, Carmel

June 5

Franklin and Deloris Furr, 62
St. Paul, Denham
David and Janet Davis, 57
St. Michael, Fort Wayne
Rev. Dan and Judy May, 57
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne
Virgil and Janell Bowers, 51
Zion, Decatur
George and Rosemary Weir, 51
Zion, Seymour
Duane and Dona Williams, 51
Immanuel, Seymour

June 6

Rev. Harvey and Carol Lange, 70
Calvary, Indianapolis
Charles and Gladys Bartholomew, 63
Faith, Bloomington
Charles and Kathryn Clark, 61
Redeemer, Seymour
Hugo and Linda Bietz, 58
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne
Marlin and Shirley Culy, 58
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne
Rex and Barb Thomas, 53
Calvary, Indianapolis
Ron and Joan Preloger, 52
Immanuel, Seymour
Mike and Diana Johnston, 55
Trinity, Dillsboro
Gary and Susan Wendeln, 52
Calvary, Indianapolis

Kraig and Linda Ahlfeld, 51
Zion, Wabash
Jim and Susie Clements, 50
Trinity, Henderson, Ky.

June 7

Terry and Barb Lunt, 53
St. Michael, Fort Wayne
Larry and Judie Moore, 53
Shepherd of the Hills, Georgetown

June 8

Larry and Phyllis Bowman, 54
Cornerstone, Carmel
Jerry and Karen Schoenefeld, 54
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne

June 9

Douglas and Susan Wright, 50
Calvary, Indianapolis

June 10

Alfred and Mildred Fenneberg, 64
Immanuel, Seymour
Don and Pat Meyer, 56
Calvary, Indianapolis
Jim and Karyn Beissler, 55
Cornerstone, Carmel
Jon and Laura Stahl, 55
Immanuel, Seymour
Michael and LeaAnn Fifer, 50
St. John-Bingen, Decatur
Dave and Debby Hilgendorf, 50
Cornerstone, Carmel

June 11

Al and Pat Struss, 56
Calvary, Indianapolis
Tom and Linda Lockmund, 55
Grace, New Albany
John and Carol Valentine, 55
Cornerstone, Carmel
Don and Janet Benter, 51
Immanuel, Seymour

June 12

Charles and Francis Nichols, 67
St. Peter's, Brownstown
Ron and Bonnie Brink, 57
Calvary, Indianapolis
Bill and Sandy Culbertson, 57
Cornerstone, Carmel
Paul and Linda Noel, 57
Grace, New Albany
Frank and Gloria Helfrich, 51
St. Michael, Fort Wayne

June 13

Jim and Willie Biddle, 65
St. Michael, Fort Wayne
Ivan and Ardina Lepper, 63
St. John-Bingen, Decatur
Chester and Shirley Gut, 58
Calvary, Plymouth
Lee and Marsha Davis, 57
Zion, Wabash
James and April Nicely, 51
Zion, Wabash

June 14

Gene and Carol Bruns, 64
Cornerstone, Carmel

Neal and Linda Schwier, 55
Cornerstone, Carmel
Ron and Cheryl Geik, 53
Calvary, Plymouth
Ron and Cheryl Janke, 53
Cornerstone, Carmel
Fred and Robyn Scheel, 53
Cornerstone, Carmel
Fritz and LouAnn Bultemeyer, 52
St. John-Bingen, Decatur

June 15

Ruth and Don Gambrel, 60
Zion, Seymour
Bob and Vicki Layman, 59
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne
Bob and Manna Bruckner, 54
St. Michael, Fort Wayne
John and Judi Pape, 54
Grace, Muncie

June 16

Earl and Mary Pottschmidt, 59
St. Peter's, Brownstown

June 17

Jim and Dixie Croxton, 66
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne
Jim and Linda Bernhart, 55
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne
Arthur and Christie Bachert, 50
St. Peter, North Judson

June 18

Larry and Sara Jupin, 67
Calvary, Indianapolis
Bates and Judy McIndoe, 62
Cornerstone, Carmel
Rev. Dr. David and Dorothy Scaer, 62
Zion, Fort Wayne
Arnold and Faith Witte, 57
St. John-Bingen, Decatur
Harry and Dana Lemke, 56
St. Peter, North Judson
Richard and Arlene Wolfgang, 55
Zion, Wabash
James and Phyllis Birdwell, 51
Calvary, Indianapolis
James and Joanne Wetzal, 51
Zion, Decatur

June 19

Bill and Janet Walker, 62
Grace, Muncie
Harry and Margaret Jones, 61
St. Michael, Fort Wayne
Larry and Charlene Jung, 51
Promise, Fort Wayne
Bruce and Linda Novak, 51
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne
Ted and Cherie Walda, 51
St. Michael, Fort Wayne

June 20

Paul and Carol Hoppe, 74
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne
Paul and Karen Filter, 58
Trinity, Dillsboro
Denis and Sheila Peters, 58
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne
Butch and Betty Werner, 58
Heritage, Valparaiso

Rich and Nancy Burke, 52
Cornerstone, Carmel
John and Jane Dickmeyer, 52
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne
Russell and Jane Grose, 52
St. Michael, Fort Wayne
John and Carol Marks, 52
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne

June 21

Jim and Jackie Beery, 75
Zion, Decatur
Al and Carol Wick, 70
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne
JR and Donna Wessel, 69
St. Peter's, Brownstown
Fred and Susan Fechtman, 59
Cornerstone, Carmel
Donald and Penny Letterman, 53
Trinity, Henderson, Ky.
Max and Eva Middendorf, 53
St. Peter's, Brownstown
Jim and Ellen Vance, 53
Calvary, Indianapolis
Michael and Rita Luedeman, 52
Immanuel, Seymour

June 22

Dave and Carol Ebeling, 59
Faith, Bloomington
Lynn and Sandie Clausen, 54
Cornerstone, Carmel
Steven and LaDonna McBride, 54
St. John-Bingen, Decatur

June 23

Wayne and Pat Smith, 65
Grace, New Albany
Douglas and Kathy Metcalf, 50
Cornerstone, Carmel

June 24

Ron and Carol Korte, 61
St. Michael, Fort Wayne
Larry and Marilyn Cooper, 55
Immanuel, Seymour
Bob and Sue Danley, 50
Cornerstone, Carmel
Joe and Pat Franklin, 50
Grace, New Albany
John and Carolyn Pieper, 50
Trinity, Dillsboro

June 25

Gene and Lucille Stewart, 67
St. John's, Lanesville
Ed and Edna Braun, 62
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne
Marvin and Pam Addison, 50
Grace, Muncie

June 26

William and Sandra Brandt, 58
Immanuel, Seymour
Al and Charlotte Davis, 57
Zion, Seymour
Ron and Luci Miller, 57
Zion, Seymour
Dallas and Rose Johnson, 52
Shepherd of the Hills, Georgetown
Robert and Sheryl Judge, 51
Immanuel, Seymour

Thomas and Linda Thompson, 51
Calvary, Indianapolis

June 27

Donald and Anna Weidler, 58
Zion, Decatur

Ron and Debbie Reinking, 53
Cornerstone, Carmel

June 28

Stephen and Denise Coots, 53
Grace, New Albany

Roy and Joyce Stuckwisch, 53
Zion, Seymour

June 29

Rev. Donald and Lois Lutz, 66
Bethlehem, Ossian

Ed and Charlotte Kasting, 64
Redeemer, Seymour

David and Judy Zolman, 57
Zion, Wabash

Rev. Tom and Kathy Eggold, 54
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne

Bob and Sheryl Judge, 51
Zion, Seymour

June 30

Gary and Jill Boyd, 56
Grace, Muncie

July 1

Steve and Laura Currier, 50
Calvary, Indianapolis

July 2

Mel and Lillie Rahe, 62
Shepherd of the Hills, Georgetown

William and Linda Marsh, 56
Immanuel, Seymour

July 3

Robert and Linda Emily, 56
Immanuel, Seymour

July 4

John and Elizabeth Moeller, 57
Zion, Wabash

July 5

Ed and Peggy Davison, 54
Calvary, Indianapolis

Richard and Gail Schulenburg, 53
Cornerstone, Carmel

July 6

Ed and Vee Gutt, 70
Heritage, Valparaiso

Peter and Diane Joseph, 54
Calvary, Indianapolis

Fritz and Joyce Levenhagen, 54
Epiphany, Westfield

Leroy and Judy Schoenfeld, 54
Grace, New Albany

July 7

Ralph and Ellen Kerwin, 60
Cornerstone, Carmel

July 8

Rev. Tim and Nona Sims, 60
Emanuel, New Haven

July 9

Don and Carolyn Nicole, 62
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne

David and Judy Harkless, 56
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne

July 10

Richard and Glenna Weiland, 57
Zion, Decatur

Fred and Marlene Elrod, 51
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne

Ken and Susan Schroeder, 51
Heritage, Valparaiso

July 11

Bill and Dottie Carlson, 58
Heritage, Valparaiso

Kerry and Sue Kennell, 52
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne

Ken and Kristi Parrent, 51
Cornerstone, Carmel

July 12

Brent and Bonnie Higgins, 53
Cornerstone, Carmel

Rev. Dennis and Linda Perryman, 53
Cornerstone, Carmel

July 14

Kenny and Joan Roop, 71
Zion, Decatur

Marvin and Ellen Peters, 66
St. Peter, North Judson

Paul and Eileen Domrow, 65
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne

July 15

Rev. Weldon and Jan Leimer, 61
Epiphany, Westfield

Dan and Lora Cole, 55
Zion, Wabash

Mervin and Suzette Koehlinger, 55
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne

Andy and Sarah Lawrence, 55
Cornerstone, Carmel

Joseph and Judy Pieper, 50
St. Michael, Fort Wayne

July 16

Don and Marcille Karbach, 73
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne

Bill and Judy Shaffer, 62
Cornerstone, Carmel

Fred and Shirley Stuckwisch, 56
St. Peter's, Brownstown

July 17

Frank and Betty Becker, 63
St. Paul-Preble, Decatur

Jim and Susan Richert, 51
Calvary, Indianapolis

July 18

Bob and Ramona Scheimann, 68
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne

Richard and Virginia Hollman, 63
Zion, Fort Wayne

Frank and Lois Krulik, 58
St. Peter, North Judson

Denny and Sandy Richmond, 58
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne

Glenn and Nancy Gappa, 52
St. Peter, North Judson

July 19

Thomas and Sonia Croucher, 53
St. John-Bingen, Decatur

July 20

Richard and Betty Stanfield, 54
Immanuel, Seymour

July 22

DeWayne and Carole Knipstein, 50
Trinity-Decatur Road, Fort Wayne

July 23

Ed and Mary Ann McFarland, 56
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne

Rollin and Betty Kuznik, 56
Cornerstone, Carmel

Jerry and June Walden, 55
Grace, New Albany

July 24

Paul and Dorothy Doenges, 68
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne

Rabel and Ruth Newkirk, 66
Immanuel, Seymour

July 25

Henry and Serene Loppnow, 63
Grace, New Albany

Richard and Judy Burnside, 52
Zion, Fort Wayne

John and Pam Kenney, 52
Zion, Decatur

Bill and JoAnn Karbach, 52
Zion, Decatur

July 26

Jim and Sandy Colter, 53
St. Paul-Preble, Fort Wayne

July 27

Fred and Sue Snyder, 53
Trinity-Decatur Road, Fort Wayne

July 28

Jon and Gloria Means, 60
Cornerstone, Carmel

Jerry and Marilyn Christopher, 59
Immanuel, Seymour

Jim and Jan Dunaway, 59
Calvary, Indianapolis

Andy and Carol Denny, 50
Immanuel, Seymour

Dennis and Peggy Kern, 50
Immanuel, Seymour

July 29

Ron and Donna Price, 62
Calvary, Indianapolis

Paul and Dorothy Meyer, 61
St. Paul, Cross Plains

Verene and Ellen Hanson, 56
Cornerstone, Carmel

Richard and Judy Krouse, 50
St. Michael, Fort Wayne

July 30

Tom and Mary Ann Cowans, 60
Zion, Decatur

Joe and JoAnn Woodward, 56
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne

July 31

Robert and Gloria Bowen, 67
Zion, Decatur

Hank and Judy Kiess, 57
Holy Cross, Fort Wayne

Jerry and Fran Nolker, 57
St. Paul, Cross Plains

Floyd and Cathy Stuckwisch, 56
St. Peter's, Brownstown

Terry and Sandy Butler, 55
St. Michael, Fort Wayne

Paul and Barbara Gerken, 51
St. Michael, Fort Wayne

Mike and Jule Shively, 51
Emmanuel, Fort Wayne

Belated

Kurt and Judy Vezner, 56
Faith, Hopkinsville, Ky. (May 14)

Robert and Kathleen Strothmann, 51
Zion, Seymour (May 22)

Chester and Linda Rust, 67
Immanuel, Seymour (May 22)

Virgil and Doris Schulte, 67
Immanuel, Seymour (May 28)

George and Luetta Mercier, 65
Faith, Bloomington (April 28)

COMING EVENTS

Following is a list of just some of the many things coming up around the district. If your school, ministry or congregation has something you would like to submit for consideration for an upcoming issue, please contact the editor two months in advance at LWeditor@in.lcms.org.

June 12

125th anniversary; Bethlehem,
Ossian

June 23-24

Indiana District convention,
Grand Wayne Center,
Fort Wayne

Sept. 6

CTSFW opening of 177th
academic Year

Sept. 23-24

CTSFW Christ Academy:
Confirmation Retreat

Oct. 13-15

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Program ‘unpacks’ LCMS INTERNATIONAL MISSION WORK

In 2021, during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod’s (LCMS) Short-Term Mission unit launched a new way to connect Lutherans in the U.S. with those serving in the international mission field. The program, called Missions Unpacked, provides interactive, online resources that enable individuals, families and groups to learn more about the Synod’s international mission work without ever leaving home.

While Missions Unpacked grew out of a desire to provide a way to learn and connect with the Synod’s international mission work during the pandemic’s wide-ranging stay-at-home orders, its usefulness has continued to be seen even as the effects of the pandemic ease and travel opens up. There are many people who, while they may not be able to travel, are nevertheless interested in learning more about international mission. There are others who may have thought about getting personally involved in mission work but who would like more information before making a commitment. Missions Unpacked has something for all of them.

The Rev. Dr. David P. Stechholz, president emeritus of the LCMS English District and a member of the LCMS Board for International Mission, calls Missions Unpacked the Synod’s “best kept secret.”

“But we don’t want it to be a secret,” Stechholz adds. “The opportunity to see and hear our missionaries live truly connects each viewer to the international mission field. You can even direct questions to the missionary and his or her family, making it wonderfully personal.”

Stechholz compares Missions Unpacked to mission festivals he recalls attending when he was growing up in Rochester, N.Y. “Members of the area congregations, and of course my



Rev. Steven Mahlburg (right), LCMS career missionary to Sri Lanka, meets residents in the Sabaragamuwa Province of Sri Lanka in 2018. He recently led a Missions Unpacked event.

family, always went. As a child, I was inspired by the service, the singing and especially by the shared message of a ‘live’ missionary. ... Missions Unpacked — whether for children or for adults — provides a new technological opportunity to hear the story of the saving Gospel’s spread worldwide and in specific regions, countries and cultures.”

A Missions Unpacked event runs for four weeks, with one week devoted to each of the Synod’s four international regions: Latin America and the Caribbean, Africa, Eurasia and Asia. Each unit includes a prerecorded video introduction about that region; a live online presentation from an LCMS missionary in the region; and cultural information such as video tours, recipes, language lessons and crafts.

In addition, the program is supplemented by several free, downloadable resources:

- ▶ A guide with questions to aid in reflecting on the introductory videos;
- ▶ A collection of short, mission-focused devotions written by LCMS international missionaries; and
- ▶ A “celebration guide” with ideas for planning a fun, educational wrap-up event.

Each unit also includes a collection of

“digging deeper” recommendations for further reading and study.

The first Missions Unpacked event took place Jan. 18–Feb. 14, 2021. Another event, specifically designed for children, was held June 21–Aug. 8, 2021. The most recent event ran Jan. 24–Feb. 20 of this year. Erin Alter, director of the LCMS Short-Term Mission Program, says more are planned. The dates of the next programs, for both children and adults, are yet to be decided, but Alter shared that a new edition of Missions Unpacked — this one for teens — will be released this summer.

“It can be used as part of a youth retreat or lock-in, or during youth nights,” she said. “Each session covers a different region and includes Bible study as well as other activities.”

Brenda Anderson, a member of Redeemer, Gorham, Maine, took part in the most recent Missions Unpacked event. She said it helped her to gain a deeper appreciation for what the church’s missionaries do.

“It’s one thing to read newsletters from those we pray for and support,” she said, “but to have a peek into all aspects of their lives and ministry takes us to a whole different level.

“I particularly enjoyed our visit with the Rev. James and Angela Sharp. As a resident of Maine, I could relate to them serving in Uruguay, the most secular nation in South America. ... All of the missionaries [have] such passion for the Lord and those they serve. It encourages those of us on the stateside mission field to do the same.”

Kathy Eisenbraun, a retired LCMS teacher and a member of St. Peter’s Lutheran Church and School, Columbus, Ind., said she and her husband, Paul — also a retired LCMS teacher — have personally supported several missionaries over the years. “Never having traveled outside the United States, I find seeing and hearing about these mission places to be very informative,” she said. “I hope that the program will continue and that more people will watch.”

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